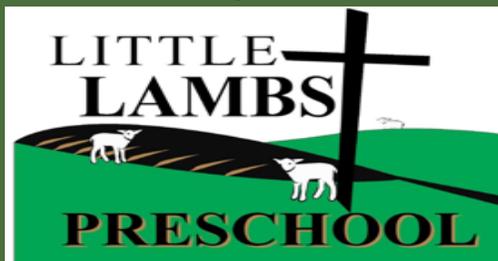




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**Upcoming School Events**

**Saturday, September 29**

Soccer Tournament at MLC

**Sunday, September 30**

Worship Services 8:00, 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday School 9:15 A.M.

**Monday, October 1**

Children's Choir 3:15 P.M.  
Mid-quarter Grade Reports  
Messy Monday 6:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, October 2**

Soccer Practice 3:00-4:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, October 3**

Individual Band Lessons  
Band Rehearsal 3:00-3:45 P.M.

**Thursday, October 4**

Soccer Practice 3:00-4:30 P.M.

**Friday, October 5**

Chapel 8:05 A.M.  
Mission Offerings  
MVL Cross Country Meet 4:00 P.M.

**All Week Oct. 1 - Oct. 5**

Standardized Testing Gr. K-8

**1**

**Standardized  
Testing in Grades  
K-8 Oct. 1-5**

**2**

**Mid-Quarter Grades  
will be sent out on  
October 1st**

**3**

**First Preschool Messy  
Monday on Oct. 1st at  
6:30 P.M.**



# General School Updates

## Standardized Testing (MAP Testing) October 1-5

This next week of school our students in grades K-8 will be taking their first round of standardized tests or "MAP Tests". We continue to use the standardized testing system that we first started using last year. Each student in these grades will be taking Language, Math, and Reading tests this coming week as well as at two other points later on during this school year. These tests are all done online and results are available almost immediately. These tests allow us to monitor the academic growth of each student during the year and help our teachers adjust their instruction to meet the specific needs of all of our students. Parents are encouraged to make sure that their children are well rested and have a good breakfast each day this next week to help children focus and perform to the best of their ability on these tests. Please encourage your child to not feel any anxiety about the tests as the results don't have any bearing on their report cards or on any decisions about passing or failing or grade level. The main purpose of the tests is to help our teachers and school best serve each student with an effective education!

## Hot Lunch Statements and Payments

As was reported in an email to all K-8 school families recently, expect to receive all future hot lunch statements for the rest of the year via email. The system of using yellow envelopes to deliver hot lunch statements wasn't as efficient as hoped. Instead, John Ireland School has kindly agreed to communicate statements directly to parents via email. Please note that all hot lunch payments should still be brought or mailed directly to John Ireland School rather than brought into school. Thanks for your help with this!

# Little Lambs Preschool Updates

The preschoolers had the opportunity to see two Monarch butterflies hatch this week and last week. Thank you to the Bly family for bringing them in. We ended our unit on apples with apple tasting and watch the movie The Legend of Johnny Appleseed. We enjoyed popcorn and apple treats! The apple tasting results. We liked the Red and Golden Delicious apples. We loved the Honeycrisp. The Granny Smith was not a favorite.

For the upcoming week of October 1st - 5th:

**Letter:** "Dd"

**Theme:** Fall

**Color:** Black

**Shape:** Triangle

**Bible Story:** Cain and Abel

**Memory Treasure:** 1 John 4:8 God is love.

## K-2 Classroom Updates

The K-2 classroom has been focusing lots of their attention on numbers over the past few weeks. Second graders have been working with numbers up to 1,000 and first graders have been working with numbers up to 120. We have learned how to write them in digits, in words and also learned how to compare them. We loved making alligator mouths out of the greater than and less than symbols. Kindergartners were also working with comparing numbers. Miss Heyer recorded several of our lessons to include as part of her edTPA which provides opportunities for her to dig deeper into planning, teaching, and reflecting. Professor Krause from Martin Luther College also came to visit our classroom on Wednesday afternoon.

## 3-5 Classroom Updates

This week the third, fourth, and fifth graders have begun writing personal narratives. We all are learning a lot about the universe God has created for us. Fifth graders have also begun their study of Minnesota history. We are enjoying the last few days of warm weather. Soon we will need our jackets and sweatshirts every day.

## 6-8 Classroom Updates

We began our next novel, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, this week in reading class. This book is about a teenager who, after a plane crash, is left stranded in the Canadian wilderness and has to find a way to survive all alone. In Social Studies class we have been learning about the Executive Branch of our government. We discussed this week how our president is elected every four years. Contrary to what is commonly believed, our president is not elected by a "majority wins" vote. Instead, our country has an Electoral College system in place where our nation's voters help pick electors to cast votes for the president. We learned that, since our nation uses this election system, it has actually happened 5 times in our nation's history that a candidate won an election to be president while actually receiving fewer total popular votes than another presidential candidate. We staged our own "mock election" this past week where we used a simulated Electoral College system to pick a class president after a presidential debate and some campaigning by our 7-8th grade "political parties" and their chosen 7-8th grade "presidential candidates".